REMARKS

Claims 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 are cancelled without prejudice and for purposes of expediting prosecution. Since the cancellation of these claims does not affect the scope of any other claims in the proceeding, the amendment should be entered. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in subsequent prosecution.

A revised Appeal Brief is submitted herewith consistent with the claims remaining under appeal after entry of this amendment.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.140PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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